

Aviation, Aerospace, and Defense Support Arizona

Arizona is home to 67 publicly owned, public-use airports that support the economic vitality and quality of life within the Grand Canyon State. Some of the world's most cutting-edge aerospace and defense companies and numerous United States (U.S.) military installations with a significant aviation-related component are also located across the state. The 2021 Arizona Aviation Economic Impact Study (AEIS) commissioned by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Aeronautics Group examines the impacts of these three vital aspects of aviation and aerospace in Arizona.

Together these components contribute over \$121.4 billion to our economy every year—providing a foundation for Arizona's culture of growth, innovation, and economic prosperity.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$121.4 Billion



Notes and Sources: (1) Impacts modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN [2019]. (2) Impacts obtained from the Economic Impacts of Arizona's Principal Military Operations commissioned by the Military Affairs Commission. Prepared by The Maguire Company [2017]. (3) Impacts modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN for 59 study airports. Eight airports requested that their independently conducted studies be incorporated into the ADOT AEIS study results [2019]. Please see the AEIS Technical Report for further details.

Tax Impacts

Airports' direct economic impacts result in local and state tax revenues. On-airport businesses pay business and operating (B&O) taxes. Visitor spending generates taxes and fees associated with sales; hotel stays; and use of transportation services including rental cars, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), and taxis.

2019 Tax Impacts

Airport-specific (E60)	\$849,000
All Airports in Pinal County	\$4,350,000
Total Statewide Airport Tax Impacts	\$3,472,766,000

Source: IHS Markit using IMPLAN 2019

For more details about the 2021 Arizona AEIS, including the full technical report, visit

azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/links-and-resources-airport-development

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ARIZONA AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Eloy Municipal Eloy



What Does Economic Impact Measure?

The Arizona AEIS measured how economic activity at the state's airports stimulated the Arizona economy in 2019. Impacts are generated by airport administration and business tenant employees working on airport property, capital improvement spending, and the thousands of out-of-state and international visitors who fly to Arizona and bring new money into our economy.

In turn, airport administration and on-airport business tenants purchase goods from suppliers (indirect impacts) and airport workers spend the money they earn (induced impacts), generating successive waves of economic impacts in Arizona.

Arizona Airports are Vital to the Economy

Arizona's diverse airports support commercial passenger service; world-class general aviation (GA) activities such as flight training, skydiving, and aerial tours; and air cargo while serving as regional job centers and economic engines in their communities.

Statewide Economic Impact of Arizona Airports*

Arizona's airports contributed **\$33.0B in value added** to the state, equaling 10.2% of the total Gross State Product in 2019.

**This includes the economic impacts of Arizona's airports but excludes aerospace manufacturing and military operations.*



Jobs
386,057



Earnings
\$20.4B



Economic Activity
\$59.4B

Top Airport Activities at E60



Economic Impact of E60

\$19,150,000

On-airport
Activities

\$132,000

Visitor
Spending

Indirect/Induced
\$6,621,000

E60 Total Impacts



Jobs: 247
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$13,262,000
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$25,903,000
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Eloy Municipal (E60)

Eloy Municipal Airport (E60) is a GA airport in south-central Arizona located three miles northwest of Eloy. E60 has a single paved runway (02/20) that is 3,901 feet in length and 75 feet wide. The airport is an economic catalyst for the city of Eloy and is regularly used to conduct corporate and business flying to and from the area. Additionally, the airport is used as a staging area for rotorcraft serving the Banner Casa Grande Medical Center. Eloy Municipal Airport is widely known for support of its through-the-fence operator Skydive Arizona. The largest skydiving facility in the world, Skydive Arizona attracts adrenaline-seekers from across the globe who conduct over 135,000 jumps annually. Skydive Arizona is believed to operate the largest dedicated private skydiving fleet in the world comprised of 13 aircraft capable of simultaneously transporting 240 skydivers to 13,000 feet to jump. Skydive Arizona employs a dozen experienced staff members, including former and current national and world champion skydivers. Due to the steady amount of business generated by Skydive Arizona, it serves as a magnet for other tenants to provide visitors with food, accommodations, parachute rigging and repair, and retail opportunities. Eloy Municipal Airport tenants also provide agricultural spraying; aircraft painting; and aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.

Did You Know?

For every 100 direct jobs, E60 supports an additional 28 jobs in Arizona.

